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A CHEAP SENSATION.

A dreadful rumor has gone abroad from Washington that Secretary Manning is engaged in a conspiracy to force Secretary Bayard out of the Cabinet, and to this end is instigating a rupture between the Secretary of State and Comptroller Durbin, in the matter of the Alabama Claims Court imbroglio, that may result in compelling the former's resignation.

The gist of the thing is contained in the following dispatch to the Chicago *Mail*, which is a fair sample of the fabric out of which the whole story is woven:

"Mr. Bayard believes Judge Durbin is making a petty, narrow-minded fight on the court, and as that is animal to the Secretary of State in the matter of accounts, he is inciting the administration to his own conclusions. Then, of course, the matter will go before the President, and probably to the subject of discussion by the White House. But it distinctly says that in the essentials of that story, he and not Judge Durbin, must be sustained. If the decision made by the Secretary of State is to be ignored, in deference to the quibbles of Mr. Bayard, then Bayard says he will resign at once. There is no doubt but that if Durbin and Secretary Manning in secret throw out the accounts for special counsel in the Alabama Court of Claims, the Cabinet will be in great danger of disintegration."

It is unnecessary to proceed any further with the subject. The essential part of the foregoing statement is so utterly foreign to the truth that no reliance whatever can be placed in any superstructure which the sensational mongers may erect upon it.

We should judge by the tons of a somewhat long and profusely double-headed editorial in an esteemed morning newspaper that the situation is of such magnitude that it is in imminent danger of being garroted, sandbagged or hamstrung. What under the sun is the matter with the President that warrants the sounding of such a wild alarm? So far as we are able to judge, he is doing his duty to the reasonable satisfaction of the country and the party. If anybody wants to trip him up let him try it on.

THE EDITOR of the Columbus (Kans.) *Courier* is something of a Mark Tapley, and the general manner in which he imparts important information to his reader has a very refreshing quality. The editor of this paper gets a monthly pension of \$37.50 per month for the loss of an arm and shoulder joint. Since our discharge from the army my pension has been \$8.15, \$18, \$24, \$30 and now \$37.50 a month. We hope it will keep rising."

THIS HAS been a remarkable season for fast time in all contests whether of man or horse, and one of the most remarkable tests was that at Springfield last Thursday. In the amateur bicycling contests on that day Webber of England went 20 miles and 635 yards in one hour. With the improvements that are constantly being made in bicycles and the coming to the front of faster and faster riders the record of the man on the wheel is liable to be shattered at any time.

REV. J. HARTMAN, formerly pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, has accepted the call to Trinity German Lutheran Church, Baltimore, and will be installed as pastor on the 1st of October.

THE CORNERSTONE of St. Gregory's Church, Baltimore, will be laid to-day. It is the gift of Baltimore County blue- stock, with brown-stone trimmings, at a cost of \$40,000.

REV. ROBERT SCOTT, a well-known Presbyterian minister of Randolph County, W. Va., died at his residence, near Beverly, in that county, on the 23rd of August, at the age of 73.

REV. W. F. KOST, the pastor of Lee Street Methodist Church, Baltimore, has resigned his office to accept a charge in Farmville, Va. Mr. Kost will close his pastorate at Lee Street Church to-morrow and will take charge at Farmville about the first of October.

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A NEW METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH has been dedicated at Laurel, Md., on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 11 A. M. The services were conducted by Dr. W. L. Walsh, the pastor. The ladies of this church propose holding a fair and entertainment on Tuesday evening next, September 22.

Laurel being only a short distance from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, a large party should avail themselves of this treat.

REV. J. ST. CLAIR NEAL as pastor of Grace E. Church, Baltimore, will be succeeded by Dr. J. F. Kelly, Jr., of Mt. Vernon Place Church, but now of New York, is nominated in connection with the pastorship.

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